



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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COUNTY ASSIGNMENTS:

Economic &
Community Development,
Chair

Finance, Personnel
& Audit

Transportation,
Public Works &
Transit

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Lake Parkway Extension
Advisory Committee,
Chair

Aging & Disability Resource
Center (ADRC) Governing
Board

Milwaukee County Research
Park Corporation Board

Milwaukee Gateway
Aerotropolis Corporation



Transit Management Update



Management of our bus system is perhaps the most important issue currently facing Milwaukee County. Since discarding the last RFP that gave management of our bus system to an out-of-state, for profit company, MV, I have written a proposed resolution that does the following:

1. Brings management in-house but continues to keep operations as an external function. We learned from Corporation Counsel that union members of transportation would gain mandatory arbitration rights as county employees. In my opinion, this issue caused a lot of the union abuses that resulted in Act 10 (for good or bad). Since there is no reason to repeat this history, my proposed resolution would respect bargaining rights of transit operators, but not give them significant rights such as police or fire fighters as county employees.
2. Requires review with Federal Transit Agency to determine what kind of blended government/external operations are permissible under the federal laws. The resolution requires our Corporation Counsel and the Comptroller to explore these questions.
3. Requires that Milwaukee County Transit continue to be operated as a not-for-profit transit system. When Milwaukee Transit System, Inc. was created in the 1970s, a primary driver was to keep taxes and transit fees out of the hands of for-profit operators. In my opinion, this is still a sound idea if it is feasible (that is the big question going forward).

I will continue to update you on this transition. My resolution will be heard during the coming months and may change as other

supervisors review proposals and make amendments. I will be open to working with other elected officials to make sure our transit company provides quality services for our citizens.

Couture on the Lakefront

The redevelopment of the Transit property along our Lake Front has been an ongoing, ugly process, in my opinion, wherein our state legislators drew a line that represents the creation of the Lake Michigan Lake Bed (as if they were gods at Creation), i.e. land that is held in Public Trust. If this is indeed to be the boundary line that permits private development of the lake front, the next step will be to formulate a development agreement. The Economic and Community Development Committee will be receiving a development agreement from developer Rick Barrett for review. We should expect to see the terms of this agreement presented over the next several months, and I shall continue to keep you informed as it develops. As to any objection to the creation theory being a sound one, this now seems to be in the hands of the public interest group Preserve Our Parks or other like-minded citizens who object to loss of public lands as the County Board chose not to step up and object (I was in the losing minority on this point).

Bus User Safety at Southridge



Bus User Safety at Southridge (BUSS)

BUSS continues to make stops in fighting for elderly, physically impaired, disabled veterans and users of Transit at Southridge; a town hall meeting was held on March 25 at St. Alphonsus Church in Greendale. The next BUSS Stop will be a promenade or walk around the perimeter of Southridge using public sidewalks. Why not wear your Easter Bonnet and join us on this Easter Saturday, April 19 at Noon. This season of Lent in preparation for Passover and Easter is the perfect time to display the values Milwaukee County citizens hold dear.



We do not treat our elderly and our disabled citizens in the manner in which Southridge management, the Simon Co., has treated them. Let us show Simon that Milwaukee citizens will stand with our Transit users.



Here is a shot from Saturday's **Pullin' o' the Green** event at the Grant Park Clubhouse.

Lots of fun and some great Irish food and music.

Thanks to the Friends of Grant Park and all the important work they do in enhancing the experience at the county's second-largest park. They are all volunteers, and we should thank them for their efforts.

Learn more about how to get involved at fogp.org

2014 Friends Group Award will go to Friends of Sheridan Park

Congratulations to the Friends of Sheridan Park. The Park People Board of Directors has chosen to honor Friends of Sheridan Park for our ***Friends Group of the Year Award***. “Your dedication to preserving and improving Sheridan Park along with making it a valuable center for community activities is exceptional. The Centennial Event, the History Booklet and your upcoming events are particularly illustrative of what dedicated leadership can accomplish”.



Sue Spoerk
The Park People, President

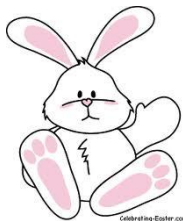
Community Calendar



Family Free Day

Apr 5

Sponsored by North Shore Bank



Breakfast and Lunch with the Bunny

Apr 12 & 13






Sponsored by Racine Danish Kringles

*Dining with the Easter Bunny! Watch our website for reservation details.

Egg Day

Apr 19

Sponsored by  Welch's and Pick 'n Save

*A hoppin' good time includes a Bubbles Wonder Show  (a "bubble-ologist" creates works of art with bubbles),  a Hop-to-It Bunny Scavenger Hunt  and an  Easter Parade is just part of the fun in store this weekend  !



*FREE on Mondays**

9:00 a.m.-noon

For all Milwaukee County Residents with proof of residency, excludes major holidays and celebrations of major holidays. ***NOTE: Two major holidays are celebrated on Mondays in 2014. May 26 and Sept. 1, 2014, therefore regular admission rates apply.***

Thank You Thursday



Milwaukee County residents receive free general admission to the Milwaukee Public Museum on the first Thursday of every month through our Thank You Thursday program. Milwaukee County owns the Museum facility and collections, and as a "thank you" to the County and its residents, we offer this opportunity for residents to visit us the first Thursday of every month without charge.

We also offer extended evening hours until 8:00 p.m. on every Thursday, so be sure to take advantage of our evening hours after work, school, or whatever your day may bring!

Adult residents must present valid photo identification showing Milwaukee County residency to receive free admission, and children must be accompanied by an adult showing proof of residency to receive free admission.

Beginning January 1, 2014, residents of Milwaukee County will receive a \$2.00 discount on general admission every day in addition to free admission on Thank You Thursday. Mondays will become regular admission days at MPM, with Milwaukee County residents receiving the \$2.00 discount.



Kelly Senior Center
6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy WI 532110, 414-481-9611

Spring Fling Luncheon

In Collaboration with Senior Meal Program

Wednesday, April 16

Fee: \$2.50-Ages 60+; \$6-Ages 50-59

Pre-registration Required

Celebrate spring with friends by attending the Spring Fling Luncheon.

New diners are welcome.

The menu will feature spring vegetable soup, chicken salad on leaf lettuce, fresh fruit cup, carrot raisin salad, croissant, lemon meringue pie. Please R.S.V.P. by April 14.



A History of Zoos

Presented by, Zoo Pride, Volunteer Auxiliary of the Zoological Society

Monday, April 7, 10:00 p.m.

Pre-registration Required

Remember when the zoo was in Washington Park? If you love animals and history, this is for you.



Food For Thought; the Mediterranean Diet

Presented by Synergy Home Care

Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 p.m.

Pre-registration Required

Learn the basics of Mediterranean-style eating, find out how easy it is to incorporate into your life and improve your body and mind.



Earth Day Walk and Park Clean Up

Tuesday, April 22, 1:00 p.m.

Pre-registration required

Join fellow participants in getting some fresh air and cleaning up Warnimont Park. Gloves, bags and light refreshments will be provided.



Kelly Center Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 26, 8:00-2:00 p.m.

Admission: 50 cents

The annual Rummage Sale includes dozens of vendors, as well as a bake sale and gently used purse sale. Kelly Center Rummage Sale

Rummage Vendor Tables Available for April 26

Fee: \$14

If you have items to sell, consider purchasing a table at the Kelly Center annual rummage sale. Tables for vendors are for sale now.



Grobschmidt Senior Center

2424 15th Ave., South Milwaukee, WI 53172, 414-768-8045

South Milwaukee Earth Day

Saturday, April 26



Join other volunteers from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the following four sites around town to help make South Milwaukee “litter free”.

- ☐ First District: Oak Creek Parkway/North Chicago
- ☐ Second District: South Milwaukee Fire Department
- ☐ Third District: City Hall
- ☐ Fourth District: 16th and Rawson (Oak Creek Parkway)

All you need to do is show up at one of the above locations, sign in, get your garbage bags, and begin cleaning up South Milwaukee. A hot dog lunch is planned for noon at the Senior Center. Questions: Please call 762-2222

Dancing Horses & Elegant Farmer Excursion Wednesday, June 25



Enjoy an afternoon of true entertainment by attending the “Dancing Horses” performance in Delevan, Wisconsin on Wednesday, June 25. This trip was such a success years ago we decided to do it again. The day will start out with boarding the motor coach at the senior center at 10:15 a.m. Then we’ll enjoy a delicious box lunch meal, at the venue, which will consist of the following items: sliced turkey on a croissant, potato salad, fruit, dessert and lemonade. The hour-and-a-half show, which is performed in a fully climate-controlled facility, will begin at 1:00 p.m. Then it’s time for an Exotic Bird Show at 3:00 p.m. After the show we will board the bus and travel over to the Elegant Farmer in Mukwonago! There you can purchase fresh daily bakery items including jumbo fresh fruit muffins, fruit crisps, pies, and fresh fruit breads to deli specials including cider baked ham, gourmet popcorn, and blue ribbon cheeses. Looking for fresh fruit? They have that too! After a full day, it’s time to return to the senior center at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The cost of this trip, which includes motor coach, lunch, horse show and bird show, will be \$54.00. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, May 6. The last day to purchase tickets will be Friday, May 30.



Stock Box Program

Tuesday, April 29, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The senior center is a distribution site for the Stock Box Program. The food distribution this month will take place on Tuesday, April 29 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The stock boxes will be given out in the back parking lot with paperwork being filled out in the large hall area. The Stock Box Program is run by the Hunger Task Force and does have some eligibility guidelines. Participants need to live in Milwaukee County, be at least 60 years of age, and have an income that is less than, or equal to the following: Eligibility has increased slightly from previous months.

Household Size 60 years of age

1	\$1,265
2	\$1,705
3	\$2,144

For more information about this program, please talk with Sandy, read the brochures available at the senior center, or call 211. This institution is an “equal opportunity provider.”

Memories Dinner Theatre in Port Washington

Tuesday, July 22



As introduced on NBC's “Today Show”, this musical comedy salutes those valiantly struggling with divorce on their hands, gravity on their bodies, grandchildren on their self-images and the dating scene on their egos. The risks and uncertainties of being alive come alive through song and scene. Aging gracefully is the final frontier!

A humorous and heartfelt look at the day-to-day concerns of the over-fifty “empty-nester” crowd, including everything from retirement and AARP, dating to divorce, plastic surgery and grand parenting. This afternoon of fun and laughter will begin with boarding the school bus at 11:00 a.m. We will then travel to Port Washington and eat lunch at 12:30 p.m. The delicious lunch will consist of the following items: Open-faced turkey sandwich, dirty mashed potatoes with gravy, steamed vegetable blend, Memories famous fluff, dinner salad with French dressing, warm dinner rolls and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The performance will begin at 1:45 p.m. and will last for approximately two hours. We should return back to South Milwaukee at approximately 5:00 p.m. The cost of this adventure will be \$47.00.

The tickets will go on sale Wednesday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m.

The last day to purchase tickets will be Wednesday, June 18.

Social Worker from the Department on Aging Mary Anne will once again be at the senior center on: Tuesday, April 29 from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The goal of this outreach program is to help center members know what programs/services the Department on Aging is able to offer.



Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park

Thursday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Avenue, South Milwaukee.

Park Watch: 764-7262

Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612, www.fogp.org



Friends of Mill Pond meeting & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.

Marquette Manor, 2409 10th Avenue, South Milwaukee
571-1191, www.smfomp.org



2nd Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny & Egg Hunt **Saturday, April 5**

Grobschmidt Senior Center - 2424 15th Avenue - South Milwaukee, WI 53172 \$6.00 per person, children 11-4 \$5.00 and 5 and under \$4.00 - Egg Hunt is FREE Sponsored by FOMP & OCWC, Inc. and South Milwaukee Lions



30th Annual Kid's Free Fishing Clinic **Saturday, April 12**

15 years old and younger – 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. with the last class at 2:00 p.m. - Oak Creek Parkway and Mill Road - learn fishing techniques, Equipment use, Safety Rules and Fish Identification.



Watercourse Cleanup **Saturday, April 26**

Targeted Area - Grant Park Beach west to North Chicago Avenue. Meet at Grant Park Beach at 8:00 a.m. to get safety vest, bags, gloves and water. Bring boots if you've got them and extra clothes in case you fall in the creek. We work till noon. Lunch is provided by the City of South Milwaukee at City Hall, 2424 15th Avenue - South Milwaukee.



Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting **Wednesday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.**

Cudahy Family Library
3500 Library Dr., Cudahy
414- 324-5531



**City of Cudahy
Earth Day/Arbor Day
City cleanup**



City of Cudahy Arbor Day/ Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, Apr 26, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Cudahy Family Library
Cudahy, WI

The City of Cudahy is celebrating its 25th Tree City USA award with a city wide clean-up and tree planting on Saturday, April 26, 2014. This is a free event. The tree planting will be at the Cudahy Family Library, 3500 E. Library Drive in Cudahy. Tree seedlings and refreshment will be available to volunteers. For more information, please call 414-627-8117.

Partnering in this event is the Sheridan Park Friends who will be providing litter bags to volunteers who want to share in the cleanup of Sheridan Park. Volunteers should meet at the Sheridan Park Pavilion at 9:00 a.m.



Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, April 24, 9:30 a.m.

Milwaukee County Courthouse
901 N. 9th Street, Room 200
Milwaukee, WI 53233